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SCHEME FOR WELFARE OF TAXI AUTO DRIVERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey on the working conditions of Taxi and Autorickshaw operators/drivers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons/labourers engaged in this sector in the major metro cities in the country;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to bring them under the social security net and ESI Scheme; and

(e) the details of schemes for the welfare of said persons being run at present?

Answer

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(a) to (c): As per survey carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation, there are3.7 crore workers in transport, communication and services. City-wise details are not available.

(d) & (e): The ESI provides social insurance benefits to the workers mainly in the organized sector. The feasibility of introducing a Pilot Scheme for taxi/auto rickshaw operators under the ESI Scheme is being examined. Also, Employees` Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 is applicable to factories and non-factories establishments specified in the Schedule, which employ 20 or more persons.